GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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HANDICRAFTS AND GIFT FAIR
MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether an Indian Handicrafts and Gift Fair (Spring) 2001 has again been organised recently at Pragati MaidanNew Delhi, showcasing a wide range of handicrafts, woodcrafts, metalcrafts, garden article, jewellery products etc.;

(b) whether handicrafts of all of the States are being fully represented in the fair;

(c) if so, whether Madhubani paintings and other artefacts belonging to Bihar have not been given its due share in this fair; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir,

(b): No Sir, the purpose of Organizing the Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair, (IHGF) is not to promote any state specific handicrafts, but to provide linkages between handicrafts exporters and the overseas market.

(c) & (d): Does not arise.